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Beaverton - City allocates \$785,000 for affordable housing

Beaverton City Council members agreed Monday night to spend \$785,000 in federal money to purchase three buildings in downtown to preserve as affordable housing.

In the future, the city could redevelop the properties at Southwest First Street and Main Avenue with as many as 50 units of affordable housing, said Linda Adlard, the city's chief of staff.

City leaders decided money remaining from community development block grants would best be used to inspire redevelopment in the downtown area, she said.

The city will buy two houses at 4675 and 4605 S.W. Main Ave. and a two-story apartment next door with ground-floor offices at 12820 S.W. First Ave. An accountant's office on the ground floor will eventually move.

In the short term, the city probably will ask Tualatin Valley Housing Partners to manage the housing, Adlard said.

The city will buy the properties from Minje P. Ghim of Beaverton.